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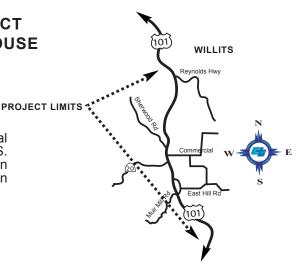




WILLITS BYPASS PROJECT INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 18, 2003

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose to construct a new segment of U.S. 101 that will bypass the City of Willits, California. The project has been programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program in combination with funding from Mendocino Council of Governments.



OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Caltrans invites you to attend an information Open House on Thursday, September 18, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Open House has been scheduled to allow the public to learn about the present status of the Willits Bypass project. Caltrans is working cooperatively with representatives of the City, County, Brooktrails, Sherwood Rancheria, federal and state agencies in developing project modifications to reduce impacts to both biological and community resources.

Attendees will be given the opportunity to view displays at various stations and discuss the project with the Caltrans project development team. Caltrans wants to ensure that the community is informed and involved as the project progresses. Your comments will help Caltrans staff understand the community's perspective and address community needs.

WHEN: Thursday, September 18, 2003 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Willits City Hall 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA



WHERE YOU COME IN

The public is invited to attend the open house to learn about and discuss the current status of the bypass project. Caltrans would like your input on the project.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Lena Ashley, Project Manager at (707) 441-5729 or Cher Daniels, Senior Environmental Manager at (916) 274-0568. You may also send your comments to: Caltrans District 1, Attention Lena Ashley, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language Interpreter, accessible seating, and documentation in alternate formats) should contact Ann Jones, District Public Affairs Officer at (707) 445-6444. Teletypewriter (TTY) users may contact the California Service TTY line at 1-800-735-2929, or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922, or Caltrans TTY phone number at (707) 445-6463.